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SUBJECT: LIBERIAN REGISTRY SHIPS IN SOUTH AFRICA TRADE

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1. GOL UNDOUBTLY AWARE (IN VAGUE SORT OF WAY) THAT LIBERIAN REGISTRY SHIPPING ENGAGES IN SOUTH AFRICA TRADE BUT PROBABLY HOPES THAT ISSUE WILL NOT BE RAISED. GOL SEES ITS FLAG OF CONVENIENCE AS REVENUE PRODUCER AND HAS NO DESIRE ANTAGONIZE SHIP OWNERS OR REDUCE TAKE. HOWEVER, IF ISSUE RAISED IN SPECIFIC CASE AS HAPPENED RECENTLY WITH COMPLAINTS OVER SOUTH AFRICAN ORANGES AND PORTUGUESE WINE BEING IMPORTED THROUGH THIRD COUNTRIES (REF B), IT POSSIBLE GOL MIGHT BE FORCED TAKE CORRECTIVE ACTION. THEREFORE, EMB CAN ONLY RECOMMEND THAT MOBIL AND OTHER SHIP OWNERS NOT RAISE QUESTION WITH GOL.

2. ON PURELY POLITICAL SIDE, AS REPORTED REF B, STUDENTS AND OTHERS ARE TAKING STRONGER STAND ON ENTIRE QUESTION OF S.A. INCLUDING TRADE MATTERS. MOJA HAS ISSUED PROCLAMATIONS AND SIMILAR. THIS GROUP IS BETTER ORGANIZED THAN MOST BUT
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STILL HAS ONLY LIMITED CAPACITY AFFECT GOVERNMENT POLICY.

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